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## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

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Food Sanitation  
Individual Sewage Disposal  
Insect, Rodent & Vector Control  
Laboratory Services  
Lakes Management  
Lead Paint Assessment  
Private Water Supplies  
Public Water Supplies  
Recreational Facilities  
Solid Waste Management  
Waste Water



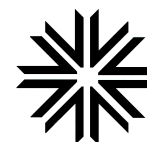
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## **GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTING THE GROWTH OF MOLD/MILDEW**



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***The Lake County Health Department provides the following guidelines in controlling the growth of mold/mildew in a building.***



**REMEDIATION:**

1. The source of the water problem must first be corrected. All roof, wall, surface or plumbing leaks must be fixed. The affected areas must then be completely dried. The use of dehumidifiers and fans is recommended.
2. Condensation problems need insulation, additional heat, air circulation and/or reduced humidity to prevent mold-causing conditions. Sunlight or increased artificial light will limit mildew growth. Use moisture barrier material in crawl spaces.

**CLEAN UP:**

1. All moldy surfaces should be cleaned with a household bleach (like Clorox) or detergent and water mixture. It isn't necessary to use more than 1/4 cup of bleach to a gallon of water.
2. Apply the cleaning solution to the surface and leave it for 15 minutes, then thoroughly dry the surface. Be sure to wear latex or rubber gloves. Open lots of windows for drying and ventilation.
3. Persons with any respiratory health problem (e.g., asthma, emphysema) should NOT perform the clean up. Keep safety in mind.
4. If the moldy surfaces cannot be cleaned (i.e., wet ceiling tiles), are too damaged, or are disposable (i.e., cardboard boxes), discard and replace with new.
5. Carpets and rugs may have to be discarded if they cannot be thoroughly cleaned and dried within 24-48 hours to prevent further mold growth. Wet insulation should be replaced. Wallboard and paneling that has been damp or wet may have to be replaced.